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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**  
**PRIOR TO ACTION**

APPLICANT(S): Josef Eichinger et al.  
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INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE  
TRANSMISSION QUALITY OF A TRANSMISSION  
CHANNEL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

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Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States  
Examination Phase.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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**On substitute page 10:**

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

Please replace original claims 1-10 with the following rewritten claims 1-10,  
referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

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1. (Amended) A method for measuring a transmission quality of a transmission  
channel via which an information is transmitted, comprising the steps of:  
representing said information as symbols;  
mapping said symbols onto signal values; and